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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers


- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-8 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ferreira US PUB No. (20010034661).

As per claim 1, Ferreira teaches a method of providing retailer information to a remote customer (abstract), comprising the steps of:

providing an Internet site (site 113, fig.3) hosted by at least one computer server (server 114, fig. 3) in communication

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with a remote customer computer (user 122, fig. 2/ remote site 119/fig. 3) through a computer network (network 120 and ¶50);

communicating with said at least one computer server through said Internet site [users 122 access data server 114 through network 120 ¶50];

transposing an actual image of a retail environment as a navigable image within said Internet site [user-navigable digitized image of actual location is provided to a user ¶14-15, see fig. 4];

providing functions to navigate said navigable image within said Internet site [user-navigable digitized image of actual location is provided to a user ¶14-15, fig. 4]; and

providing customer selectable links within said navigable image for providing detailed information of a particular retailer of said retail environment [selected links provide more information on the item of interest ¶15-16].

As per claim 2, Ferreira teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

transposing an actual image of a interior of said particular retailer as an alternative navigable image within said internet site [user-navigable digitized image of actual location is provided to a user ¶14-15 and ¶56-58, see fig. 4]; and

providing customer selectable links within said alternative navigable image for providing detailed information of a particular retailer [¶14-15 and ¶56-58, see fig. 4].

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As per claim 3, Ferreira teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

providing retailer information to a remote customer of claim navigable image for providing detailed information of particular goods of a particular retailer [¶56-58, see fig. 4].

As per claim 4, Ferreira teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

providing customer selectable links within said alternative navigable image for providing detailed information of particular goods of a particular retailer [¶56-57, see fig. 4].

As per claim 5, Ferreira teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

wherein said retail environment is a downtown area of a community [¶56-58, see fig. 4].

As per claim 6, Ferreira teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

wherein said retail environment is a shopping center [¶56-58, see fig. 4].

As per claim 7, Ferreira teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

wherein said retail environment is a strip mall [¶56-58, see fig. 4].

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As per claim 8, Ferreira teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

providing purchasing interface whereby the remote customer may arrange for remote purchase of one of goods and services [¶45 and ¶56].

Conclusion

The prior made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yasin Barqadle whose telephone number is 703-305-5971. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Burgess can be reached on 703-305-4792. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306 for regular communications and 703-746-7238 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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